**Iqbal Chapter 1 Response**

I am currently reading Iqbal by Francesco D’Adamo. The genre of this book is realistic fiction and the style is a novel. Chapter 1 is about Fatima (Main character) who was bonded to Hussain Khan (master) to pay off debt of her family. This story takes place in a carpet industry in Pakistan. I think this story is important because many children in developing countries are engaged in child labour and this tells me that we need to do something to stop it.

My purpose for reading this book is to learn more about child labour, to practice the explore reading response and lastly as part of a novel study in class. I think the author purpose for writing this book is to share Fatima’s and Iqbal’s experiences with the world and let people know more about child labour. T he purpose of chapter 1 is to introduce Fatima to the reader.

The key lines worth remembering is “little Fatima, my little Fatima” (pg.26). I think this is important because it shows that Fatima’s one of Hussain favourites and therefore he would treat her differently from the other numskulls. The key places in chapter one 1 are the tomb, Pakistan, and carpet industry. The tomb is important because if a kid doesn’t work well or made mistakes they would go in there. The factory is important because that’s where Fatima and the other kids work. The key characters to the story are Fatima and Hussain Khan. Fatima is important because she is the protagonist and Hussain Khan is the antagonist. Some of the key word in chapter 1 are carpet and rupee because carpet is the only item they make and they get a rupee each day as the reward for the amount of effort they put build the carpet. Also they use the rupee to buy their food.

The book is organized in chapters with numbers without any title. That didn’t really help understand the book more because I wouldn’t know what the chapter was really about unless I read it.

This chapter relates to my life because like Fatima, I also worked and get paid. The only difference between me and Fatima is that I work in my free will and I get treated fairly by my parents by giving me time to rest and play.

My ah-ha moment is when I figured out that some parents would give away or sell their child just so they can pay their debt. I can connect to this book because I have child labour for my topic for my two minutes to make a difference project. The question I have in my mind is how many more lines need to be erase until Fatima is free to go.